



Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities MEETING MINUTES May 13, 2013

Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities REGULAR MEETING MINUTES (13, May, 2013)

The Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities convened in a regular meeting on 13, May, 2013 at 301 West 2nd Street in Austin, Texas.

Chair Lardizabal called the Board Meeting to order at 12:05 PM

Board Members in Attendance: Chair, Jesus Lardizabal, Vice Chair Ron Lucey, Chip Howe, Norman Kieke and Tanya Winters absent: Kathy Keller (excused)

Staff in Attendance: Dolores Gonzalez

1. **Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Commissioner Norman Kieke to approve the April 15, 2013 minutes; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanya Winters. All approved.
2. **OLD BUSINESS:** For discussion and possible action
Visitability requirements inclusion into International Residential Code; finalize Recommendation to City Council. Commissioners committed to contacting their council members encouraging support for the Visitability Recommendation before the public hearing May 23, 2013.
3. **NEW BUSINESS: no presentation this month**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Access & Youth Committee – Chair Tanya Winters

- Committee Chair Tanya Winters updated the committee on the Austin Access Awards. The Awards will be held on August 8 in Council Chambers during proclamations.
- The purpose of the awards is to recognize businesses for going above and beyond the standards with a welcoming attitude towards people with disabilities.
- Any business can be a winner. Past winners include Starbucks, and Jerry's Artarama
- The deadline for nominations for the Austin Access Awards is early July.

Awards & Employment Committee – Chair Ron Lucey

- Committee Chair Ron Lucey recommends that the committee holds an initial Employment Awards planning meeting in early June. He told the committee he would reserve a room and follow up with members to invite them to the meeting.
- Chair Lucey also said that the committee is looking for a dynamic speaker for this year's Employment Awards; members are encouraged to submit any ideas to him.
- Chair Lucey shared some stats along with comments on what could be improved with the Business of Work Seminar with the committee.

4. **ACTION ITEMS:** no action item was recorded during the May 13, 2013 meeting
5. **PUBLIC HEARING:** No public hearings were held during the May 13, 2013 meeting.
6. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** There were no citizen communications for the May 13, 2013 meeting.
7. **STAFF BRIEFINGS:** Dolores Gonzalez

- **Budget:** report: There were no expenses the month of April, leaving a fiscal year balance of \$6,105.00
- **International Residential Code adoptions** - Dolores reported to the committee that the International Residential Code adoptions and the Visitability draft ordinance was postponed from the May 9th agenda. The hearing is rescheduled for May 23rd. Dolores recommended to the committee, that it would be good idea to go and support Visitability with testimony: Dolores will send out a notice to partner orgs.
 - 4:00 PM - Public Hearings and Possible Actions 107. Conduct a public hearing and consider an ordinance amending Article 11 of City Code Chapter 25-12, the Residential Code, to require additional accessibility or visitability standards for residential single-family and duplex construction. Related to Item #24657.
- **ADA Onsite Visits:** Dolores office has started the Annual Onsite visits with all departments. These meetings offer an opportunity to discuss requirements of ADA, communications, trainings and just to check in and see if there are any ways the ADA Office can assist.
- **ADA Symposium:** After today's meeting Dolores will be traveling to San Antonio to attend the ADA Symposium. She will report back to the committee at the next meeting on any info of interest.
- **International Visitors from Turkmenistan:** Commissioner Ron Lucey and Dolores are working with Global Austin and the State Dept. to set up some tours including the Texas School for the Deaf, AISD Special Ed, City infrastructure, DARS and Criss Cole.

CALENDAR 2013

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| • May 14 | Encore presentation The Way Your Body moves at Wyndham Hotel as part of Access U |
| • June 20 | DMD Planning meeting at One Texas Center 505 Barton Springs |
| • June 26-29 | TDLR Accessibility Academy |
| • August 8 | Austin Access Awards at Council Chambers |
| • October 11 & 23 | CTD Film Festival |
| • Oct 15 | White Cane Day |
| • Oct 16 | Disability Mentoring Day at Goodwill Community Center |

8. Future Agenda Items:

9. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made to adjourn the May 13, 2013 meeting by Commissioner Chip Howe; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Tanya Winters. All approved.